



Office of Lieutenant Governor Rebecca S. Skillman

Grant Services

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Created in 2005, the Grant Services Office was formed as a division of Lt. Governor Becky Skillman's Business Office. The purpose of this division is to provide the Lt. Governor's Family of Business' (FOB) agencies with resources regarding new and existing funding sources as they seek to enhance their programs and services provided to the citizens of Indiana. Within Grant Services, there are five full-time employees and student interns, making it the largest staff for an organization of its kind within State Government. Grant Services is located in the Lt. Governor's Business Office at One North Capitol Avenue in downtown Indianapolis.

Funding Opportunities for the Week of January 24, 2007

Contact Grant Services for assistance in identifying new funding sources, facilitation of work groups for the preparation of grant proposals, and assistance in preparing your proposals including editing the final draft, constructing the budget or assistance with completion.

Opportunities of Interest for Communities and Constituents:

These opportunities may be of interest to constituents and not-for-profit organizations...please pass along as soon as possible as some of these opportunities are time sensitive.

Youth Service America-Deadline: Varies

<http://www.ysa.org/awards/>

Youth Service America is pleased to offer grants to help young people and organizations plan and implement service projects for National & Global Youth Service Day. Current grant opportunities include Disney Minnie Grants (to engage younger children in service) and Lion in the House Community Service Grants (for projects addressing pediatric cancer).

Support for Food Banks and Food Rescue Organizations-Deadline: 3/9/07

<http://164.109.46.215/rfp/kcnprfp07.html>

The Kraft Community Nutrition Program provides support to food banks and food-rescue organizations to increase their sustainable capacity to collect and distribute nutritious, non-shelf-stable foods, including fresh produce, prepared food, and other perishable food. For 2007, the program is encouraging applicants to consider ways to reach agencies or sites that currently have limited access to non-shelf-stable food. Kraft invites applications from organizations throughout the U.S. that collect and distribute food to a wide range of social service agencies. Programs that serve individuals directly are not eligible to apply.

Institute Encourages Museum, Library Collaborations-Deadline: 3/1/07

<http://www.ims.gov/applicants/grants/nationalLeadership.shtm>

The Institute of Museum & Library Sciences extends the deadline for the 2007 National Leadership Grant Program for a month. The grants help libraries and museums meet the changing needs of the American public. Museums and libraries may apply for up to \$1 million each. The 2007 focus will be exploring important research questions, developing and testing new models of library and museum services and helping build digital resources. The Library & Museum Community Collaboration category makes a return this year. It encourages partnerships between libraries and museums and a host of others, including public broadcasters, schools, universities, cultural and performing arts and health/social service providers. Collaborative planning grants of \$30,000 are available to get the partnership going. The other two funding categories are Building Digital Resources and Research and Demonstration. Proposals using new tools, research, models, services, practices and alliances will receive preference in funding, especially if you can prove they will be easy to replicate.

My Home Town Helper-Deadline: 5/31/07

<http://www.myhometownhelper.com/>

Communities can benefit from Hamburger Helper's MYHOMETOWNHELPER.COM. Grants up to \$15,000 are available for community projects. Nonprofits can benefit from the funding, but municipal/civic organizations or schools must be the sponsor of the grant. Hamburger Helper doesn't take traditional applications, but is conducting a national essay-writing campaign to award the funding. The essays are short (250 words or less) and must describe how your hometown needs help.

Opportunities of Interest for OCRA:

Grants Help Latino Youth Stay in School-Deadline: 6/29/07

<http://www.youthventure.org/index.php?tg=articles&topics=388&new=0&newc=0>

Tu Voz My Venture, an initiative of Youth Venture in partnership with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and MTV Tr3s Voces, will provide grants of up to \$1,000 to teams of youth who submit great ideas for encouraging their Latino peers to graduate from high school and college. Every week through June 2007, teams of two or more youth, ages 13-20, will receive grants to create their ventures - an organization, business or club - to help young Latinos stay in school and prepare for college and careers. Up to 50 teams will be selected, and the five that propose the best ideas will also be awarded \$5,000 scholarships per team to be evenly split among team members. The last day for submitting applications is June 29, 2007.

Opportunities of Interest for ISDA:

USDA Funds New Commodity Markets-Deadline: 2/12/07

<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20071800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2007/07-57.htm>

The Quality Samples Program at the Agriculture Department encourages development and expansion of export markets for U.S. agricultural commodities by helping provide commodity samples to foreign importers. The year, \$2.5 million will procure and export samples and provide technical assistance to facilitate successful use of samples by importers. For more information contact Program Policy Staff at 202/720-4327; email ppsadmin@fas.usda.gov.

Grants Focus on Specialty Crops-Deadline: 2/12/07

<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20071800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2007/07-58.htm>

The Technical Assistance for Specialty Crops Program assists U.S. organizations through funding projects addressing sanitary, phytosanitary and other barriers impacting exportation of specialty crops. Government agencies and for-profit organizations can apply for up to \$250,000. Specialty crops include all cultivated plants, except wheat, feed grains, oilseeds, cotton, rice, peanuts, sugar and tobacco. . For more information contact Program Policy Staff at 202/720-4327; email ppsadmin@fas.usda.gov.

Articles of Interest:

From Local/State Funding Report 1/22/07

Youth Engagement in Arts Target of Grant Opportunity

The NEA (National Endowment for the Arts) invites proposals for school or community-based projects that will bring students ages 5 through 18 together with skilled artists and exemplary art. State, local and tribal governments; independent schools districts; nonprofit organizations; and private higher education institutions can compete for funds estimated to be between \$5,000 and \$150,000. The deadline for submitting applications is June 11, 2007.

The dual purpose of the program is to increase children's exposure, skills, knowledge and appreciation of the arts and enhance the abilities of educators and artists to engage children in arts education.

Projects must include experience, study, performance and assessment elements. To fulfill the experience requirement, students and their teachers will have the opportunity to view outstanding artwork, preferably in live form. Students will study the social and cultural context in which works were created and be encouraged to appreciate technical details and aesthetic features. Bolstered by their new knowledge, students will have the opportunity to create their own art. Assessments will be carried out in accordance with national or state arts education standards.

If projects are school-based, they should be aimed at kindergarten through grade 12 and can include after-school or summer enrichment programs. Individual schools cannot apply directly, but they can participate as partners with state or local educational agencies. Community-based projects should target the same age group, 5 through 18. Activities should take place outside of the school day, but will still need to meet arts education standards.

Training & Technical Assistance:

2007 PRISM Fiscal Checklist

Tuesday, January 30, 2007

1:00 to 2:30 pm, CST

http://www.gfp.wipfli.com/training/registrations/webinar_fiscalchecklist_jan013007.htm

In-Depth Review of OMB Circulars – presented by Howard Gesbeck

February 12-13, 2007

Doubletree Guest Suites

Seattle, Washington

You will learn what is in the OMB circulars, what is new, what is important, and how to keep your organization in compliance.

http://www.gfp.wipfli.com/training/brochures/seattle_omb+hs_feb2007.htm

In-Depth Review of OMB Circulars plus Head Start Issues- presented by Howard Gesbeck

March 27-29, 2007

Hyatt Regency Newport Beach

Newport Beach, CA

Register by March 5, 2007 to receive Early Bird rates!

Day one and two apply to all Federal grant-funded programs, and will benefit anyone involved in administrative, financial, or management areas. Day three is for Early Head Start/Head Start programs. Call Us Toll-Free at 888-876-4992.

http://www.gfp.wipfli.com/training/brochures/california_omb+hs_mar2007.htm

Neighborhood Training Institutes-February 19-23, 2007

<http://www.nw.org/network/training/Atlanta07.asp>

NeighborWorks America is a national nonprofit organization created by Congress to provide financial support, technical assistance, and training for community-based revitalization efforts. NeighborWorks Training Institutes, which provide courses for community development practitioners and resident leaders, are held approximately four times per year at various locations throughout the U.S. The upcoming Training Institute in Atlanta will include a one-day symposium, "Changes in the Wind - Manufactured Housing and the Future of Affordable Housing," a five-day Nonprofit Housing Management Specialist course, and green courses sponsored by The Home Depot Foundation. The Institute will be held February 19-23, 2007, in Atlanta, GA. Visit the website listed above for more information.

2007 Governor's Conference on Service & Volunteerism

March 12-13 at the Indianapolis Marriott Downtown

Register at www.ofbci.in.gov/conference and click "register."

Paying for Sustainable Water Infrastructure

www.payingforwater.com/

This conference be held on March 21-31, 2007 in Atlanta, GA and will bring together stakeholders from all levels of government and the private sector to explore creative methods to pay for sustainable water infrastructure today and into the future: increasing investment in cost-effective systems and reducing capital, operation and maintenance costs.

Government rates: \$275 before Jan. 10 and \$350 after Jan 10.

Variety of Support

http://www.iupui.edu/~solctr/non_profit.html

A variety of support services to nonprofits, including a database of experienced consultants, is scheduled to open its doors at IUPUI in February. The Nonprofit Solutions Initiative was developed by the Annie E Casey Foundation, in partnership with the IUPUI Solutions Center, CICF, Pulliam Trust, and several other local foundations.

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Newsletter Resources:

Federal Assistance Monitor CD Publications. 22 Jan. 2007 <<http://www.cdpublications.com/pubs/federalassistance.php>>

Grant Station Your Fast Track to Funding. 22 Jan. 2007 <<http://grantstation.com/>>.

IN.gov Lt. Governor Becky Skillman. 22 Jan. 2007 <<http://www.in.gov/lgov/grants>>.

Local State Funding Report Thompson. 22 Jan. 2007
<<http://www.thompson.com/public/offerpage.jsp?promo=STAT07WP&priority=WEB10838>>